[22nd February 1955

Dr. A. SREENIVASAN :—" Did not the Selection Committee reject the applications of very many people for the reason they had reached the age of superannuation, even though they possessed the highest qualifications in the country? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" That depends on the availability of applicants in each case."

Admission of in-patients in the Government Headquarters Hospital, South Arcot district.

* 173 Q.—Sri M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of in-patients admitted in the Government Headquarters Hospital, South Arcot district, now;

(*b*) the average number of out-patients attending the hospital daily; and

(*c*) the number of doctors, nurses, male nursing orderlies, sanitary workers and female nursing orderlies working in the hospital?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The average in-patient attendance for the three years ended with 1954, was 289.

" (*b*) The average attendance was 577.

" (*c*) Doctors	12	
Nurses	21	(excluding one nursing Superintendent and two head nurses.)
Nursing Orderlies.	22	(12 men and 10 women.)
Toties ..	13 "	

Sri M. ETHIRAJULU :—" Is it not a fact that the Government have decided to increase the bed strength in that hospital and if so, by how many? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" There has been a proposal to increase the bed strength in the case of several hospitals. Increase in the bed strength is effected where there is an urgent need for it consistent with the availability of funds."

Sri M. ETHIRAJULU :—" May I know the number of honorary women medical officers in that hospital? "

The Hon. A. B. SHETTY :—" I have given the total number of doctors. I cannot now give the particulars asked for."

Sri M. ETHIRAJULU :—" Will the Government consider the question of appointing honorary women doctors if they apply? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Wherever it is considered necessary, we appoint honorary women doctors. If suitable people are available it is done."